

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim 14 is requested to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

This amendment deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16-18, 20-27 and 30-33 are now pending in this application.

Applicant appreciates the telephone discussion with Examiner Jared Rutz on November 28, 2006. Examiner Rutz indicated that the present application had been docketed to him, but he had not yet had the opportunity to review the application. Examiner Rutz indicated that he would issue a communication in due course. Applicant's representative, Thomas Bilodeau, indicated that applicants would file an amendment canceling claim 14.

In the Decision, the Board sustained the examiner's anticipation of rejection of claim 14 based on Bruce, but has not sustained any of the examiner's other rejections of the claims on appeal. Thus, the rejections have not been sustained for any of claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16-18, 20-27 and 30-33, and these claims are presumed to be allowable. Claim 14 has now been canceled, and thus all of the remaining pending claims, 1-6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16-18, 20-27 and 30-33 are now presumed to be allowable.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the examiner allow the present claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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